

REMARKS

Claims 8, 55-57, 77-79, 81, and 84-86 are pending. Applicants have cancelled claims 8, 55-57, 77-79, 81, and 84-86 to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. By canceling these claims, Applicants are not surrendering patent coverage of the subject matter of the cancelled claims, because the subject matter of those claims is encompassed by the allowed claims. The subject matter of dependent claims 55-57 is encompassed in allowed independent claim 83. Similarly the subject matter of dependent claims 77-79 is encompassed in allowed independent claim 73; the subject matter of dependent claim 81 is encompassed in allowed independent claim 82, and the subject matter of dependent claims 84-86 is encompassed in allowed independent claim 82. Applicants submit that this amendment after final contains no new matter, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(f).

If the Examiner has any further suggestions, or guidance regarding this application please call the undersigned attorney, Scott Popma, at 202-408-4297.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Office, placing this application in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the cancellation of claims 8, 55-57, 77-79, 81, and 84-86 does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Office. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Office.

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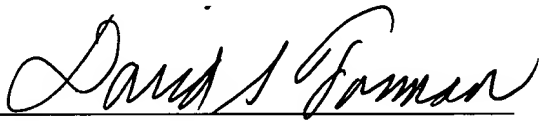
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the timely allowance of this application.

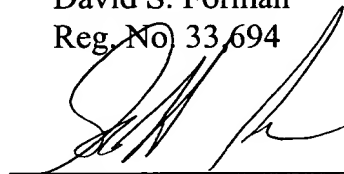
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